

MEN'S FASHIONS

TABLE TALK

AT THE COMMERCIAL CLUB

You Will Wear 'Em According to Your Height.

Spring Calls for Coats About an Inch Longer.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 1.—Buttons will be distributed on men's coats this season according to the height of the wearer, it was determined at the opening session of the annual convention of the International Custom Cutters' association here today. The short man will have a one-button coat, the medium sized man will have two buttons on his coat; the tall man will get three buttons, and four if he is tall enough. This decision was embodied in the report of the styles committee of the association, which set forth the innovations in men's clothes for the coming season.

Changes in the style of clothes for men was the principal topic of discussion at the meetings today. The committee on styles reported that the fitting coat still would rule as correct, but that it will be longer and will bear narrower lapels and a narrower collar than the coats of last season. Spring coats will be skeleton-line, unpadding and will run to patch pockets, which will be crescent shaped. Vests will be single breasted, cut lower and wear no collar and the trousers will be narrow as usual, the committee pointed out in the report.

In dress clothes there will be changes, too, the custom cutters decided. The front of the dress coat will be a little longer and the collar and lapels will be narrower and there will be an outer breast pocket. The white silk vest should be "U" shaped this season, the committee asserted, and there should be a narrow braid on the trousers. The cut to the dinner suit will have the outer breast pocket bound in a narrow strip of satin. The lapels also will be faced with satin. The vest to the dinner suit as determined upon, will be of black silk, close fitting and "U" shaped.

The report of the committee was illustrated, the new styles being shown on living models. Members of the committee on styles are: Paul J. Scott of Cleveland, O., president of the association; Charles M. Taylor, New York city; John Melmon, Chicago; A. Taylor, Toronto, Canada; John Jennings, Detroit; John W. Harper, Philadelphia; and F. G. Backstrom, Kansas City, Mo.

The convention will continue through Friday of this week and the afternoon sessions each day will be devoted to practical demonstrations and discussions regarding the cut and fabric for spring and summer styles. An exhibit and style show with 400 garments of men's apparel is being held in connection with the convention. Among the speakers on the remaining days of the convention will be Stanley L. Krehl, New York; John Jennings, Detroit; John W. Harper, Philadelphia; and F. G. Backstrom, Kansas City, Mo.

MADE A LIFE MEMBER

A. M. Patten Taken Into Railway Employees Benefit Association.

Officers were elected Monday night at the annual meeting of the Topeka Railway Employees Benefit Association, held in the club room, at the company headquarters. The organization includes employees of the railway company and the Edison company. A banquet was served following the election. A. M. Patten, assistant superintendent of the Illinois Traction company, was made a life honorary member of the organization by a unanimous vote.

Officers elected were as follows: President, John S. Zinn; vice president, John H. Engle; treasurer, W. C. Glover; secretary, Otto Goodnow; board of trustees (elected by employees), H. W. Naylor, Clara Pfeiffer, John H. McCahan, Chas. Taylor and Wm. King; trustees appointed by the company, H. W. Naylor, W. H. Stalons and John Ahlman.

HE CLIMBS ICE POLE

W. S. Blakely Risks His Life That Old Glory May Wave.

Climbing a greased pole wouldn't be it with a job in Blakely had this morning climbing the fifty-foot flag pole on the city building. The pole had half an inch of grease on it and Blakely declared after the trip to the top and back that it was the hardest pole-climbing job he had tackled in fifteen years.

The climbing was made necessary by the coming visit of President Wilson. The rope for the flag had broken and it was Blakely's job to carry a wire line to the top, thread the needle and climb down again. When he was at the top he was one hundred feet from the ground—a hundred feet from the ground with zero temperature numbing his hands and nothing to grip but a swaying pole covered with ice.

Blakely's pay for the job was \$2.50 and Commissioner of Public Works, who wrote the voucher, didn't "hem and haw" about it.

AFFIRMS \$2,000 FINE

Chicago, Feb. 1.—The verdict of a jury which two weeks ago found Daniel Gombosi, an attorney, guilty of conspiracy to defame Clarence S. Funk, former general manager of the international Harvester Co., was affirmed by the appellate court here today. Gombosi was fined \$2,000.

The attorney was indicted with Theo. Stuebel, a detective, Alvin Heppner, and others, who were charged with conspiring to prosecute a civil suit against Mr. Funk, brought by John C. Henning, the attorney, in connection with the defamations of Mrs. Josephine Henning. An expose and the criminal cases resulted from this suit. The prosecution followed the conspiracy was conceived in a spirit of revenge against Mr. Funk because of certain testimony he gave when the election of William Lorimer to the United States senate was being investigated.

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You've got to give it to L. M. Penwell—he's the best man to help out you can find anywhere. Now he's going to hunt up other weather automobiles for the Co-Op so they will all have an opportunity to ride in the parade.

George Godfrey Moore says he recently took a straw vote in a building on "Best Overton" for legislature. Eighty per cent of them voted for Overton. The candidate says he is running ahead of his ticket because one man is calling him "Senator."

When all this excitement about President Wilson's visit blows over certain members of the Commercial club are going to begin talking a "Better Clearing House System for Topeka."

Charlie Mitchell says the Democrats should step aside tomorrow and give Republicans an opportunity to elect the president. The Democrats will vote for Wilson anyway, and what they need more than anything else is Republican votes.

Judge H. M. Yates, the hard pressed chairman of the automobile committee, denies he's a Democrat. He says he's a Christian.

Better crowds have turned out to the Commercial club luncheon in the last week than in months before.

WHO CAN TELL?

Judge MacFarland Has Knotty Problem to Solve.

Are Children of Half Brothers First or Second Cousins?

This morning the casual visitor to the court house, if he happened to drop into the probate court, found Judge Hugh MacFarland barricaded behind a litter of heredity diagrams and crumpled scratch paper.

For the last few days Judge MacFarland has been running a sort of an information bureau for other probate judges of Kansas—maybe the job was thrust on him but nevertheless he has been queried on technical points of probate and juvenile law that have been sent to him by other judges. This morning a letter from Judge W. H. Higgins, of Nemaha county, started a riot in the court's brain. Judge Higgins, in his letter, asked whether or not a son and daughter of half brothers could legally marry in Kansas.

"It's this way," explained Judge MacFarland to a visitor this morning as he used up the last sheet of paper on his own scratch pad and picked up a fresh pad from a clerk's desk. "The sons and daughters can marry and they can not. It all depends; as near as I can figure out the Kansas statute holds that half brothers are legally full blood relatives. But the same statute holds that the son of a half brother is not a half brother. This question is the children of half brothers. Further the judge said not."

LEAVE MONEY HERE

Subscriptions to Jewish Relief Fund Received at State Journal Office.

Working in co-operation with the committee in charge of the local campaign for funds for the relief of poverty stricken Jews in the war zone of Europe, the State Journal has been open to the letter box for the receipt of all contributions. Thousands of citizens will not come in contact with the committee members in person, but the State Journal office is a place where they can leave their donations at the State Journal.

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OFFICES WILL CLOSE

Santa Fe Employees Will Be Given Chance to See the President.

To afford employees of the Santa Fe an opportunity of seeing President Wilson, the offices in the Santa Fe buildings will be closed Wednesday from 10 o'clock until 2, according to an announcement made this morning by C. W. Kouns, general manager of eastern lines. The order affects all offices in the Ninth street and Jackson street buildings.

The president and his party will be out to Topeka from Kansas City Wednesday morning, according to C. W. Kouns; E. J. Shuckshaft, assistant general passenger agent of the Santa Fe, said the president's train will arrive in Kansas City at 7:45 o'clock tomorrow morning.

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PUBLIC MUST PAY

Higher Wages Make Higher Prices for Consumers.

C. B. Forbes Warns Rail Men Against Asking Too Much.

OTHERS NEED SHORTER HOURS

Unions Face Danger When They Assume Too Much Power.

Shears That Clipped Capital's Wings May Clip Theirs.

BY B. C. FORBES.

New York, Feb. 1.—Are you a householder? You are, anyway, a consumer. You have to buy food and clothing and shoes.

You pay, directly or indirectly, for coal, for lumber, for steel products, for house rent.

You contribute something to the earnings of the railroads, for almost everything you need has to be transported.

So far so good.

Well, now, when wages increase are granted railway men, coal miners, iron workers, the money goes up, etc. You pay the increase. It comes out of YOUR pocket.

The extra dollars are first taken in by the companies before they are paid out. AND YOU, the consumer—do the paying in.

Only the wages demanded, and conceded, the heavier your expenses become.

I recently wrote an article cautioning certain very strongly unionized workers against insisting upon unreasonable short working hours—some of them want to work only seven hours a day.

I tried to explain then that at this stage of our development, it was not the workers but the consumers who were very poorly paid workers, both women and men, to impose upon them the additional burden of paying unreasonable short working hours—some of them want to work only seven hours a day.

Others Need It.

I argued that the best of us could not well afford to pay favored classes of workers big wages for less than a full day's work and that the increases in wages and shortening of hours would mean the ruin of our souls who toil for 10 or 12 or 14 hours a day for less than living wage.

Union representatives have replied that their agitation for a shorter day is aimed chiefly at providing more jobs, at enabling some of the unemployed to get a share of the total work to be done.

They contend that if each man in a business, trade or industry worked only seven hours—and received, of course, as much pay as he did for eight hours or more—the total number of jobs in the country would increase.

That sounds very sensible and very plain, doesn't it? But is it so sensible?

I do not think it is. The cost of producing the things turned out in these trades and industries will, of course, be greater, as extra men will be needed to produce the old amount.

You grant that—it is indisputable.

Now, let me ask if the higher price charged for an article will not tend to reduce the number or amount of that article the public can buy and use.

When automobiles cost \$5,000 each how many were sold? And how many workers were needed to make these automobiles?

Now that automobiles can be bought for \$350 to \$1,500, see how many more men the automobile industry can give employment to.

The Printing Industry.

I was a printer's devil when the machine for setting type was coming into vogue. The compositors trained to set type by hand were inimical to the new invention, on the old ground that it would throw lots of them out of work.

But more men are engaged in the printing business today than ever before, thanks largely to the cheapness with which the new machine can be done.

If any union, because it is strong and can be arbitrary, cuts down the working day unreasonably and thus reduces the cost of what the union men produce, the tendency will be to lessen the demand for the product and to reduce the total number of men needed to do the work.

High prices check consumption and when consumption decreases so does the number of persons required to supply the demand.

By producing things as cheaply as possible after paying a full day's wages for a full day's work, the demand will be stimulated, and the broader the demand the greater the employment.

This is NOT a plea for low wages. It is an attempt to explain the effect of unreasonably shortening working hours and thereby so increasing the cost of production that consumption will be checked.

The unemployment—and the unemployable—problem is gigantic. It will not be solved, but aggravated by such methods as extending big wages for a few hours' work by a few of more powerful unions, by unduly restricting the number of apprentices, by charging exorbitant initiation fees by union get.

Unions that go too far simply because they are strong do not tend to mend matters. They bedevil them.

The public must be educated, and the capital for having down too high. And the public will also prove capable of making any union or unions that begin to act as if they owned the earth.

For it is the public—YOU—that have to pay all wages. Don't forget that fact.

FOUR MEN REMEMBERED

McKinley's Birthday and That of Kansas Are the Same.

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